

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of assembling a door, comprising the steps of:
 - A) providing a door inner panel having an outer face and an inner face, at least one functional component of a door, an anti intrusion beam, and a door outer panel;
 - B) assembling the at least one functional component onto the outer face ~~of the door inner panel~~;
 - C) assembling the anti intrusion beam onto the outer face;
 - D) assembling the door outer panel towards the outer face; and
 - E) securing by fixing the door inner panel, the at least one functional component, the anti intrusion beam and the door outer panel relative to each other;
 - F) wherein step B) precedes step C), which precedes step D); and
 - wherein the at least one functional component comprises at least one of a window regulator assembly, a loudspeaker and a latch assembly.
- 2-3. (Cancelled)
4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 including the steps of providing a trim panel, assembling the trim panel towards the inner face and securing the trim panel to the door inner panel.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the fixing comprises at least one fixing element which is assembled towards the outer face.
6. (Original) The method of claim 5 in which the fixing element includes a primary axis which is positioned substantially perpendicular to the outer face.
7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6 wherein the fixing comprises a primary fixing direction which faces the outer face during assembly.
8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 in which the door outer panel, the anti intrusion beam and the at least one functional component are non destructively releasably fixed to the door inner panel.
9. (Withdrawn) A method of assembling a door into a car body, comprising the steps of:
 - A) providing a subassembly of a door inner panel, at least one functional component of the door and an anti intrusion beam on a first assembly line;
 - B) providing a car body on a second assembly line;
 - C) providing a door outer panel on the second assembly line;
 - D) moving the subassembly from the first assembly line to the second assembly line;
 - E) fixing the subassembly onto the car body; and
 - F) fixing the door outer panel onto the subassembly.
10. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 9 in which the subassembly provided at the first assembly line further includes a trim panel.

11. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 9 including the step of providing a trim panel at the second assembly line and, after the subassembly has been moved to the second assembly line, fixing the trim panel on the subassembly.
12. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 9 including the step of providing a plurality of different door outer panels at the second assembly line and selecting one of the plurality to assemble onto the door.
13. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 12 in which the plurality of door outer panels at least differ in their shape.
14. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 12 in which the plurality of different door outer panels at least differ in their color.
15. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 11 including the step of providing a plurality of different trim panels and selecting one to assemble onto the door.

16. (Currently Amended) A method of assembling a door, comprising the steps of:

A) providing a door inner panel having an outer face and an inner face, at least one functional component of a door, an anti intrusion beam, and a door outer panel;

B) assembling the at least one functional component onto the outer face of the door inner panel;

C) assembling the anti intrusion beam onto the outer face; and

D) assembling the door outer panel towards the outer face wherein step C) precedes step D); and

wherein the at least one functional component comprises at least one of a window regulator assembly, a loudspeaker and a latch assembly.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of assembly claim 16 wherein the anti intrusion beam is secured to the door inner panel prior to assembly of the door outer panel to the door inner panel.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the anti-intrusion beam is configured to prevent intrusion of other vehicles into a vehicle to which the door is fitted in the event of a road traffic accident.

20. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the door inner panel has a leading edge, a trailing edge, a waist line and a bottom edge, the anti intrusion beam being an elongate member assembled in step C) so as to extend generally between the leading edge and the trailing edge of the door inner panel intermediate the waist line and the bottom edge of the door inner panel.